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And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's mightiest heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born--to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand! Stan Lee presents…

THE NEW AVENGERS

When a breakout occurs at the high-tech maximum security prison known as the Raft, Captain America, Iron Man, Luke Cage, Spider-Man, Spider-Woman, and the mysterious powerhouse known as the Sentry gather together to battle the rioting criminals. Captain America convinces Iron Man that a new team of Avengers has been brought together by fate. Though the formation of the team has not been made public, the New Avengers, including the X-Man Wolverine, now operate out of Stark Tower.

The Sentry was there the day the New Avengers banded together, but who or what he is is a mystery. No one has ever heard of him before. The Sentry had S.H.I.E.L.D. lock him away for killing his wife--but she is still alive. Fearing another Scarlet Witch-style meltdown, Iron Man meets privately with the most powerful heroes of the Marvel Universe to come up with a solution to deal with the Sentry, who has hidden himself away in a desert cave. There, Captain America and Iron Man confront him about his true nature--the only evidence that the Sentry exists can be found in comic books.

Overwhelmed by this information, the Sentry disappears to his suburban home, changing into his civilian persona, Bob Reynolds. He is called outside and is faced with an armada of heroes from every walk of life who have teamed up to handle the Sentry in any way they have to. Emma Frost, of the Astonishing X-Men, searches Bob's subconscious, trying to solve the mystery of what happened that would cause everyone to forget his very existence, while the gathered heroes fight a desperate battle against the Sentry's evil alter-ego, the Void.

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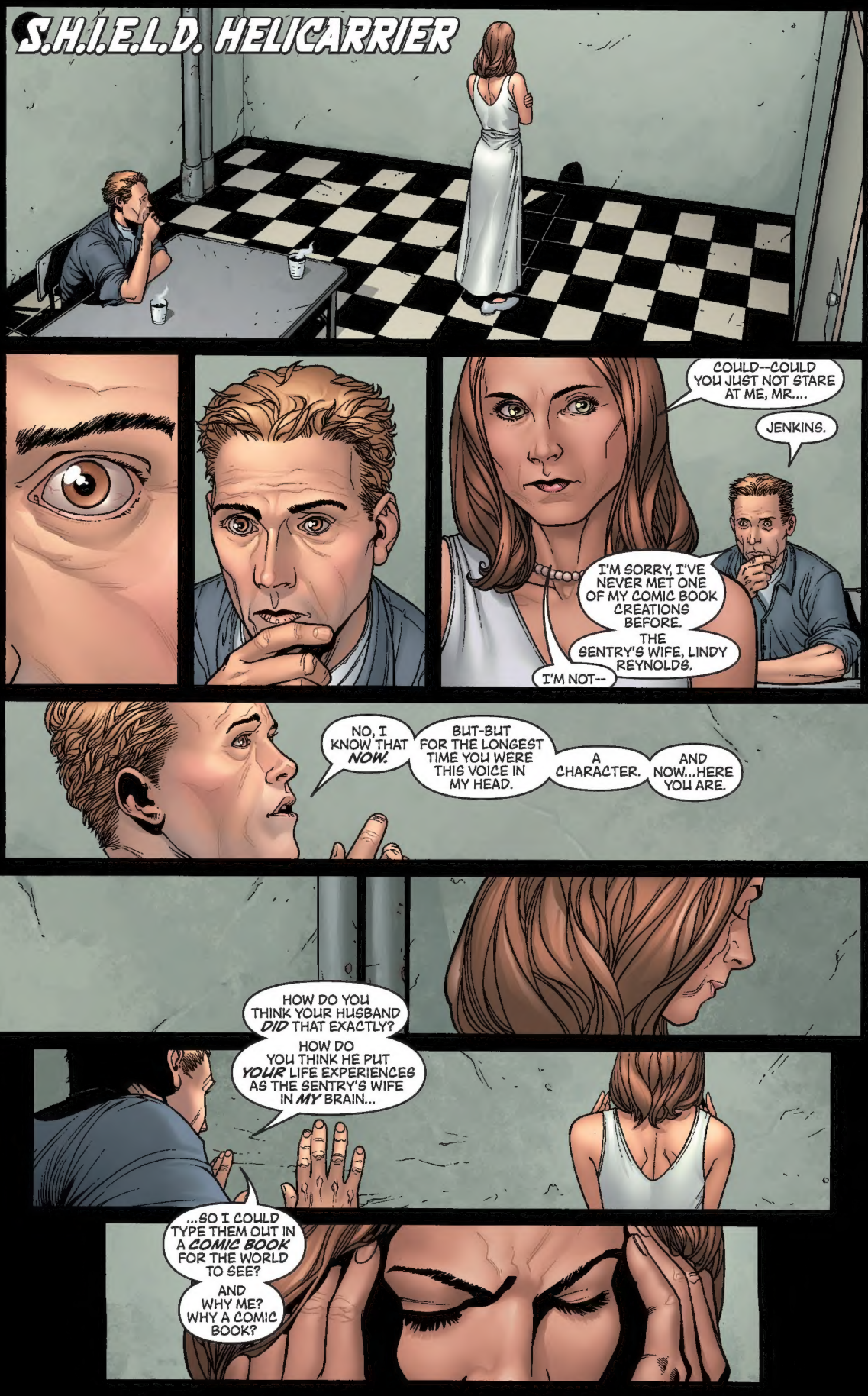
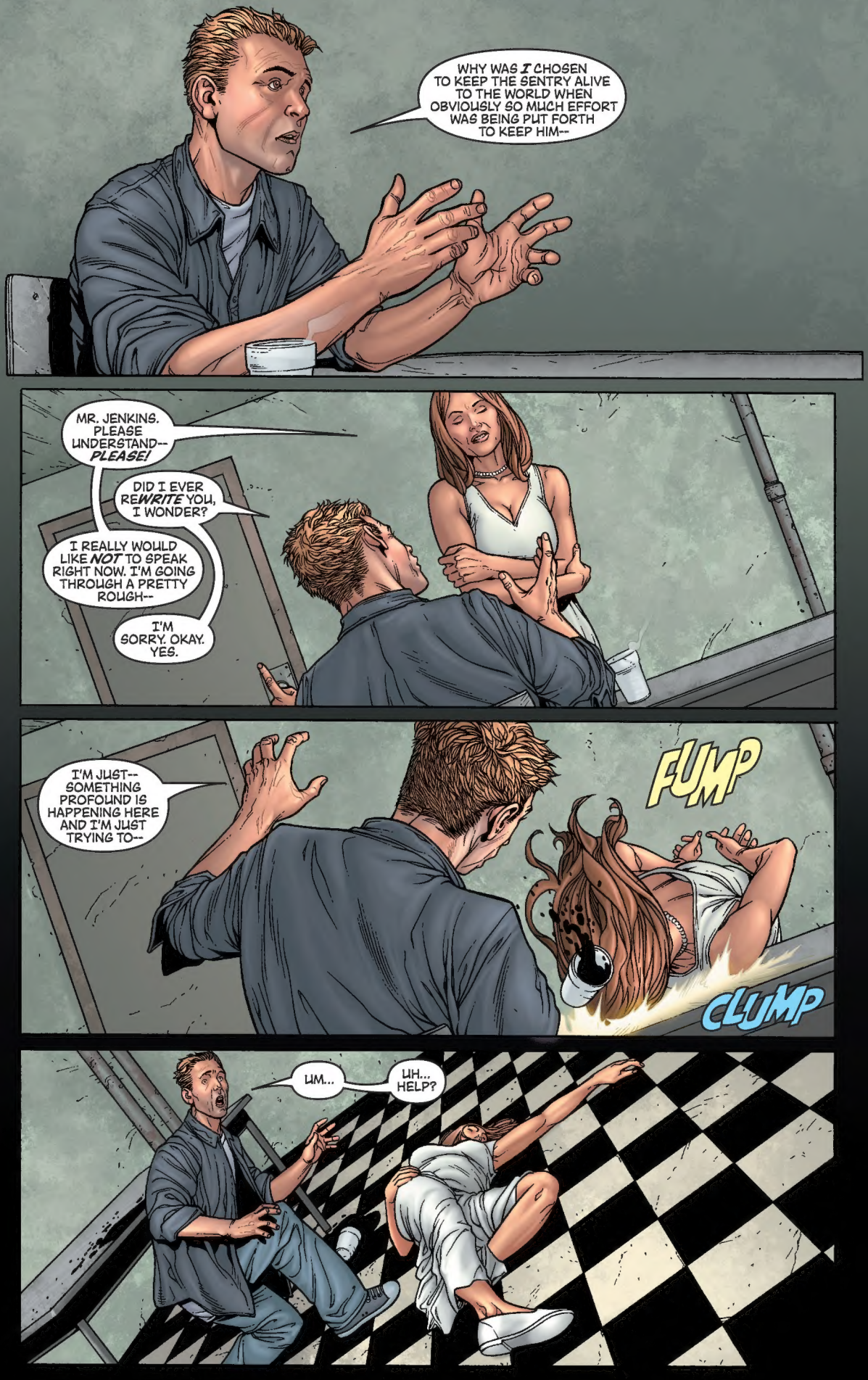
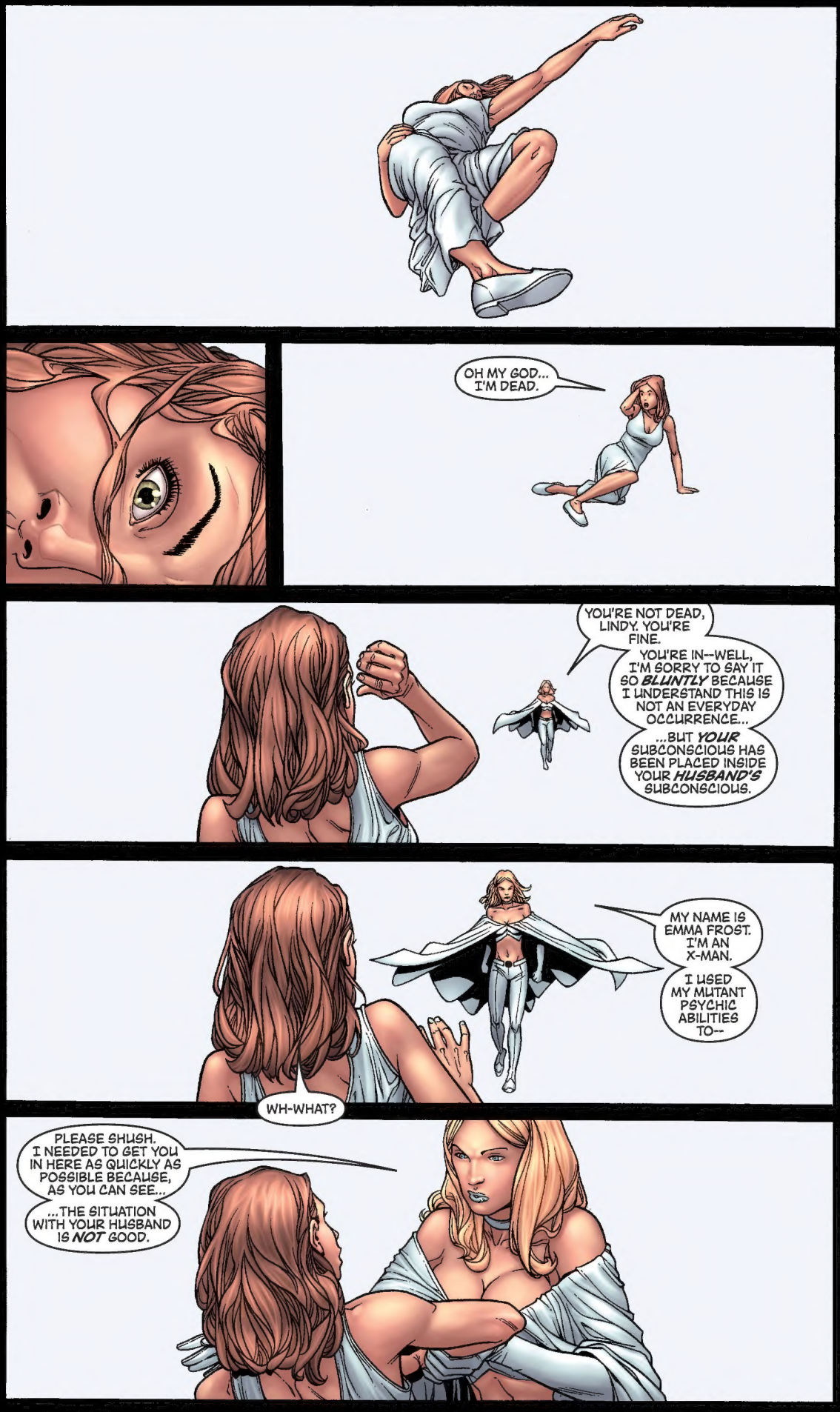
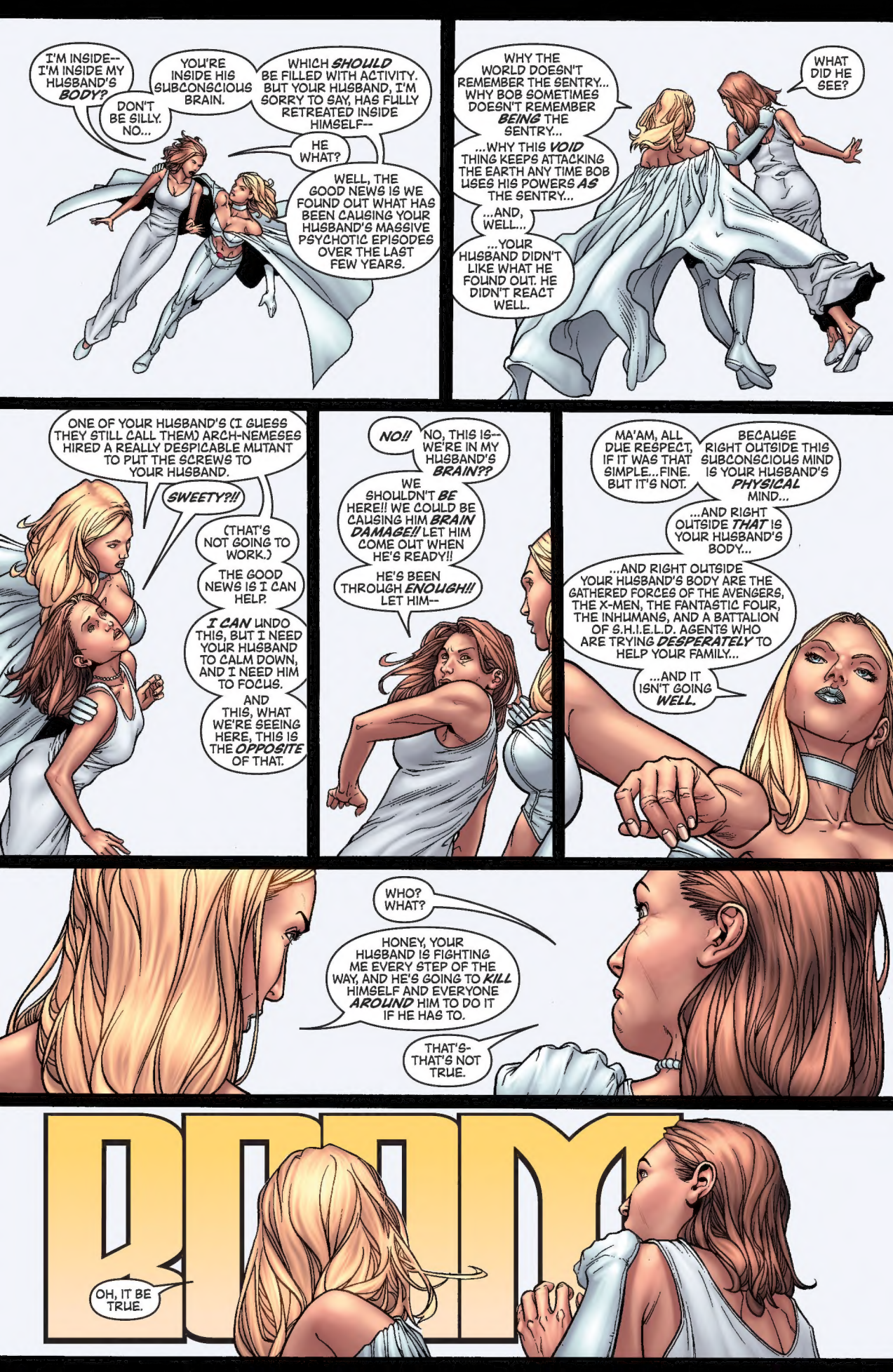
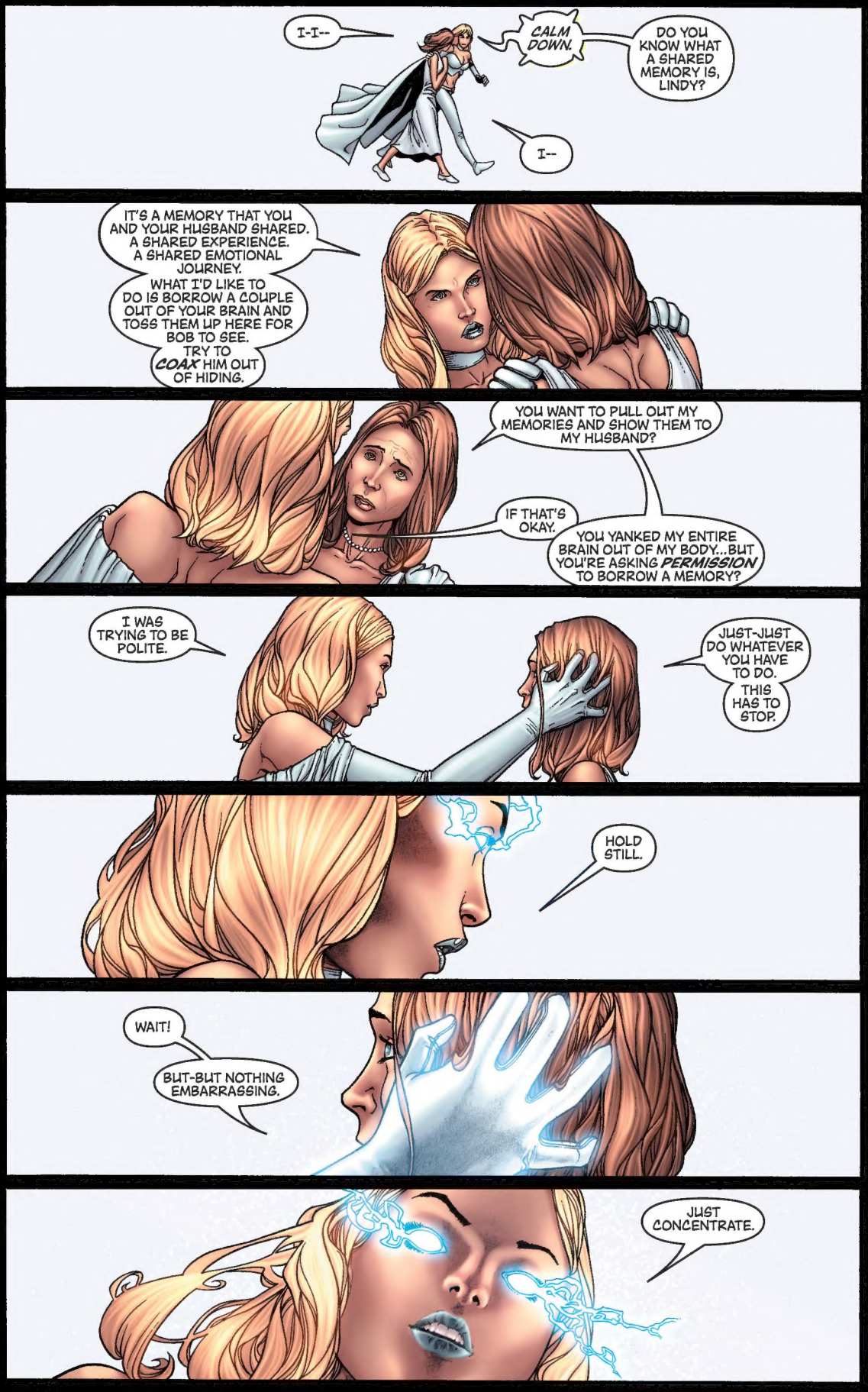

S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER
COULD--COULD YOU JUST NOT STARE AT ME, MR....
JENKINS.
I'M SORRY, I'VE NEVER MET ONE OF MY COMIC BOOK CREATIONS BEFORE.
THE SENTRY'S WIFE, LINDY REYNOLDS.
I'M NOT--
NO, I KNOW THAT NOW.
BUT-BUT FOR THE LONGEST TIME YOU WERE THIS VOICE IN MY HEAD.
A CHARACTER.
AND NOW...HERE YOU ARE.
HOW DO YOU THINK YOUR HUSBAND DID THAT EXACTLY?
HOW DO YOU THINK HE PUT YOUR LIFE EXPERIENCES AS THE SENTRY'S WIFE IN MY BRAIN...
...SO I COULD TYPE THEM OUT IN A COMIC BOOK FOR THE WORLD TO SEE?
AND WHY ME? WHY A COMIC BOOK?


WHY WAS I CHOSEN TO KEEP THE SENTRY ALIVE TO THE WORLD WHEN OBVIOUSLY SO MUCH EFFORT WAS BEING PUT FORTH TO KEEP HIM--
MR. JENKINS. PLEASE UNDERSTAND-- PLEASE!
DID I EVER REWRITE YOU, I WONDER?
I REALLY WOULD LIKE NOT TO SPEAK RIGHT NOW. I'M GOING THROUGH A PRETTY ROUGH--
I'M SORRY. OKAY. YES.
I'M JUST-- SOMETHING PROFOUND IS HAPPENING HERE AND I'M JUST TRYING TO--
FUMP
CLUMP
UM...
UH... HELP?


OH MY GOD... I'M DEAD.
YOU'RE NOT DEAD, LINDY. YOU'RE FINE.
YOU'RE IN--WELL, I'M SORRY TO SAY IT SO ***BLUNTLY*** BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND THIS IS NOT AN EVERYDAY OCCURRENCE...
...BUT ***YOUR*** SUBCONSCIOUS HAS BEEN PLACED INSIDE YOUR ***HUSBAND'S*** SUBCONSCIOUS.
MY NAME IS EMMA FROST. I'M AN X-MAN.
I USED MY MUTANT PSYCHIC ABILITIES TO--
WH-WHAT?
PLEASE SHUSH. I NEEDED TO GET YOU IN HERE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE, AS YOU CAN SEE...
...THE SITUATION WITH YOUR HUSBAND IS ***NOT*** GOOD.

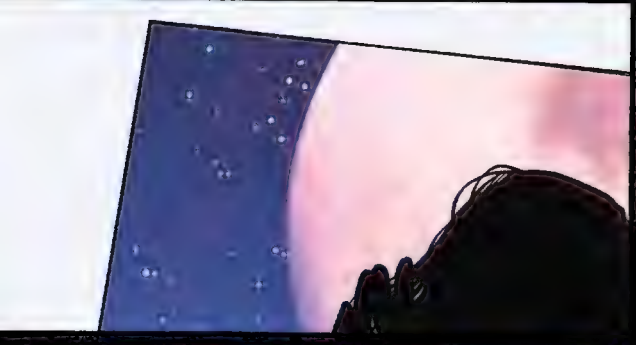

I'M INSIDE-- I'M INSIDE MY HUSBAND'S BODY?
DON'T BE SILLY. NO...
YOU'RE INSIDE HIS SUBCONSCIOUS BRAIN.
WHICH SHOULD BE FILLED WITH ACTIVITY. BUT YOUR HUSBAND, I'M SORRY TO SAY, HAS FULLY RETREATED INSIDE HIMSELF--
HE WHAT?
WELL, THE GOOD NEWS IS WE FOUND OUT WHAT HAS BEEN CAUSING YOUR HUSBAND'S MASSIVE PSYCHOTIC EPISODES OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS.
WHY THE WORLD DOESN'T REMEMBER THE SENTRY... WHY BOB SOMETIMES DOESN'T REMEMBER BEING THE SENTRY...
...WHY THIS VOID THING KEEPS ATTACKING THE EARTH ANY TIME BOB USES HIS POWERS AS THE SENTRY...
...AND, WELL...
...YOUR HUSBAND DIDN'T LIKE WHAT HE FOUND OUT. HE DIDN'T REACT WELL.
WHAT DID HE SEE?
ONE OF YOUR HUSBAND'S (I GUESS THEY STILL CALL THEM) ARCH-NEMESES HIRED A REALLY DESPICABLE MUTANT TO PUT THE SCREWS TO YOUR HUSBAND.
SWEETY?!!
(THAT'S NOT GOING TO WORK.)
THE GOOD NEWS IS I CAN HELP.
I CAN UNDO THIS, BUT I NEED YOUR HUSBAND TO CALM DOWN, AND I NEED HIM TO FOCUS.
AND THIS, WHAT WE'RE SEEING HERE, THIS IS THE OPPOSITE OF THAT.
NO!!
NO, THIS IS-- WE'RE IN MY HUSBAND'S BRAIN??
WE SHOULDN'T BE HERE!! WE COULD BE CAUSING HIM BRAIN DAMAGE!! LET HIM COME OUT WHEN HE'S READY!!
HE'S BEEN THROUGH ENOUGH!! LET HIM--
MA'AM, ALL DUE RESPECT, IF IT WAS THAT SIMPLE...FINE. BUT IT'S NOT.
BECAUSE RIGHT OUTSIDE THIS SUBCONSCIOUS MIND IS YOUR HUSBAND'S PHYSICAL MIND...
...AND RIGHT OUTSIDE THAT IS YOUR HUSBAND'S BODY...
...AND RIGHT OUTSIDE YOUR HUSBAND'S BODY ARE THE GATHERED FORCES OF THE AVENGERS, THE X-MEN, THE FANTASTIC FOUR, THE INHUMANS, AND A BATTALION OF S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENTS WHO ARE TRYING DESPERATELY TO HELP YOUR FAMILY...
...AND IT ISN'T GOING WELL.
WHO? WHAT?
HONEY, YOUR HUSBAND IS FIGHTING ME EVERY STEP OF THE WAY, AND HE'S GOING TO KILL HIMSELF AND EVERYONE AROUND HIM TO DO IT IF HE HAS TO.
THAT'S- THAT'S NOT TRUE.
BOOM
OH, IT BE TRUE.

YOU HAD NO RIGHT!!!

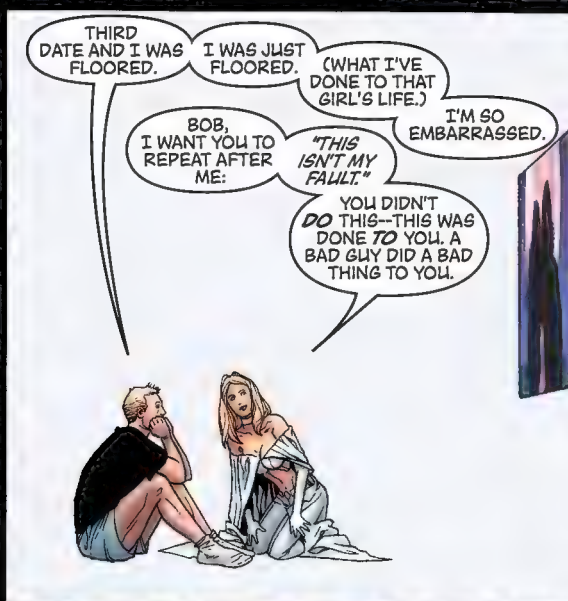

I-I--
CALM DOWN.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT A SHARED MEMORY IS, LINDY?
I--
IT'S A MEMORY THAT YOU AND YOUR HUSBAND SHARED. A SHARED EXPERIENCE. A SHARED EMOTIONAL JOURNEY.
WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS BORROW A COUPLE OUT OF YOUR BRAIN AND TOSS THEM UP HERE FOR BOB TO SEE.
TRY TO COAX HIM OUT OF HIDING.
YOU WANT TO PULL OUT MY MEMORIES AND SHOW THEM TO MY HUSBAND?
IF THAT'S OKAY.
YOU YANKED MY ENTIRE BRAIN OUT OF MY BODY...BUT YOU'RE ASKING PERMISSION TO BORROW A MEMORY?
I WAS TRYING TO BE POLITE.
JUST-JUST DO WHATEVER YOU HAVE TO DO.
THIS HAS TO STOP.
HOLD STILL.
WAIT!
BUT-BUT NOTHING EMBARRASSING.
JUST CONCENTRATE.

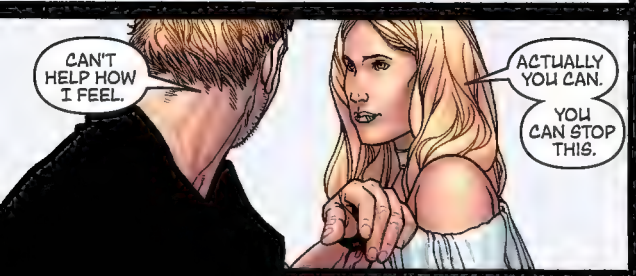
COME ON...
BUT-BUT WHAT IF WE GET CAUGHT?
BY WHO? COME ON.
SEE? WHAT DID I SAY?
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THIS WAS HERE.
WHAT?
HOW MANY WOMEN HAVE YOU BROUGHT HERE, BOB?
WHAT?!
OH, PLEASE!

I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW, YOUNG LADY, THAT NO MORE THAN THREE DAYS AGO I WAS RIDING MY BIKE BY HERE ON THE WAY TO CLASS WHEN I HAPPENED TO FIND THIS PLACE...
...AND THE FIRST THOUGHT THAT POPPED INTO MY HEAD WAS: I HAVE TO SHOW LINDY THIS.
SO THERE.
WHAT?



THAT WAS A GREAT DAY.
LOOKS LIKE.
WE FELL IN LOVE THAT DAY.

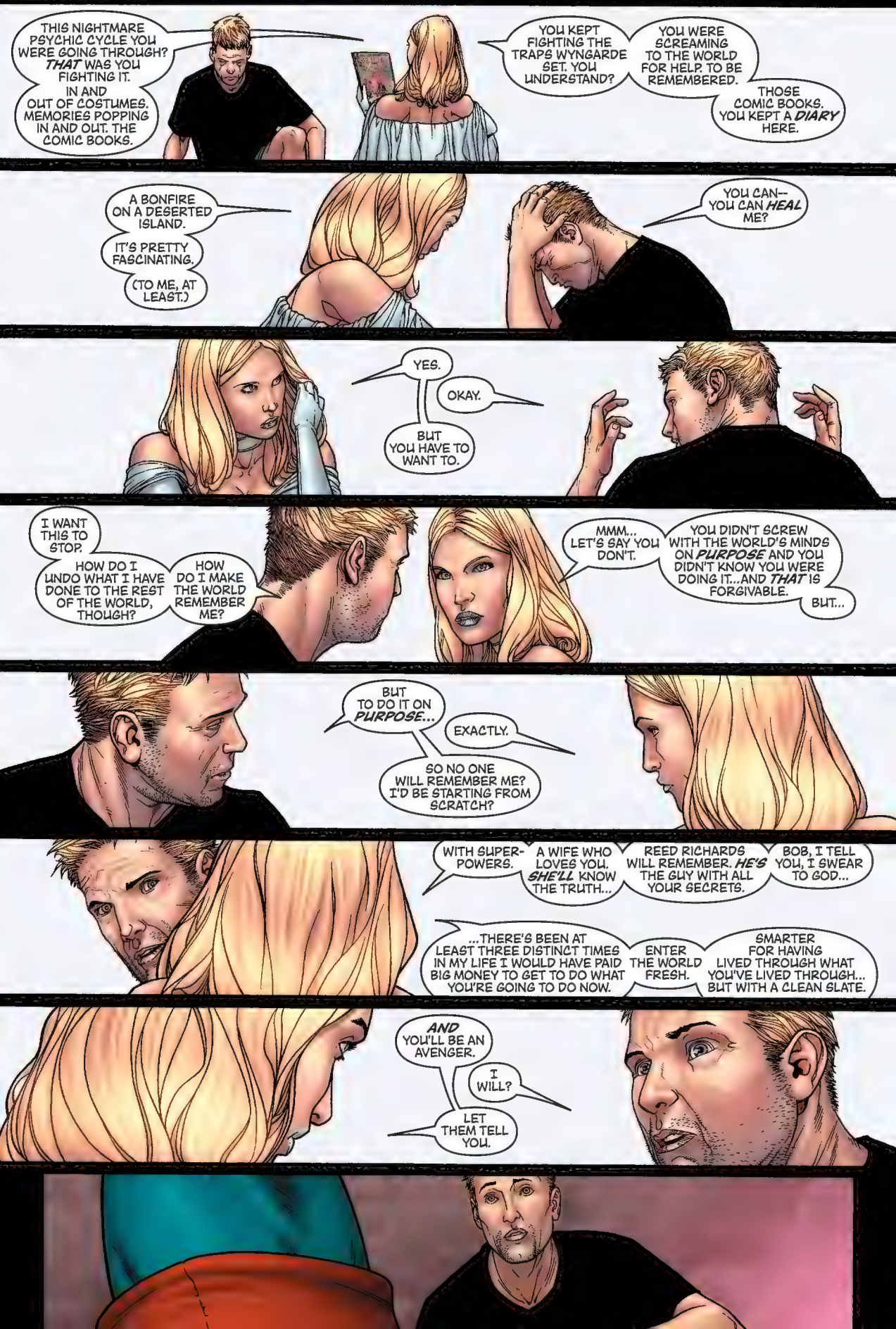

THIRD DATE AND I WAS FLOORED.
I WAS JUST FLOORED.
(WHAT I'VE DONE TO THAT GIRL'S LIFE.)
I'M SO EMBARRASSED.
BOB, I WANT YOU TO REPEAT AFTER ME:
"THIS ISN'T MY FAULT."
YOU DIDN'T DO THIS--THIS WAS DONE TO YOU. A BAD GUY DID A BAD THING TO YOU.


CAN'T HELP HOW I FEEL.
ACTUALLY YOU CAN.
YOU CAN STOP THIS.

HAVE AT THEE!
WHAT DOES IT TAKE FOR THIS GIANT TO TOPPLE?
WAIT!!
WAIT!!
CEASE FIRE!! CEASE FIRE!!
IT ISN'T MOVING.
WELL, THAT'S CREEPY.
YEAH.

YOU OKAY?
AM I OKAY?
TITANIC
JOINS THE WORLD'S MOST AMAZING TEEN-AGERS!
THIS GENERAL, THE GUY WHO SET YOU UP LIKE THIS, WHO WAS HE?
IN THE MARVELOUS MARVEL STYLE!
READ ON, TRUE BELIEVERS, AS SENTRY AND THE X-MEN TAKE ON THE... CRAZED GENERAL! IN THIS, THE GREATEST ADVENTURE
GUY REALLY HAD IT IN FOR ME.
WELL HE GOT YOU.
DO WE KNOW WHERE HE IS?
I'M NOT THE GUY TO ASK, IT WOULD SEEM.
BUT I'LL FIND HIM.
GUARANTEED.
BUT THIS OTHER GUY...THE MUTANT...

MASTERMIND. YEAH.
MASTERMIND.
LIKE I SAID-- HE'S A MUTANT I USED TO KNOW. DEAD NOW. HE WOULD DO ANYTHING TO ANYBODY IF YOU PAID HIM.
ALL THAT POWER...AND NO IMAGINATION.
BUT THE GOOD NEWS HERE IS THAT I HAVE A HISTORY WITH JASON WYNGARDE. BACK IN MY LESS ENLIGHTENED DAYS WITH THE HELLFIRE CLUB.
SO I KNOW HOW TO HELP YOU. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE PLEASANT, BUT I CAN DO IT.
I KNOW HOW HIS POWERS WORK, PROBABLY BETTER THAN HE DID.
HIS POWERS WERE MORE OF A PSYCHIC VIRUS THAN ANYTHING. HE PLANTED THE BUG AND LET IT GROW.
YOU DO HAVE STRONG PSYCHIC POWERS HOLDING YOUR PHYSICAL POWERS TOGETHER.
HE WAS RIGHT ABOUT THAT.
AND YOU DIDN'T TRAIN YOUR MIND FOR THIS KIND OF ATTACK.
TRAIN?
A LOT OF OUR "PEERS" GET THEIR POWERS, EITHER MUTANT OR ACCIDENT...
...AND THEY'RE SO EXCITED TO PUT ON THE COSTUME... THEY DON'T TRAIN.
THAT'S ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS WE TEACH AT XAVIER'S.
THE KIDS ALL WANT TO BE SUPER HEROES AND THEY DON'T TAKE THE TIME TO FIGURE OUT HOW OR WHY...
AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU.
UGH.
DON'T KICK YOURSELF TOO MUCH, THOUGH. I MEAN IT.
YOU WERE TRYING SO HARD TO FIGHT THIS.
NOT HARD ENOUGH.


THIS NIGHTMARE PSYCHIC CYCLE YOU WERE GOING THROUGH? THAT WAS YOU FIGHTING IT. IN AND OUT OF COSTUMES. MEMORIES POPPING IN AND OUT. THE COMIC BOOKS.
YOU KEPT FIGHTING THE TRAPS WYNGARDE SET. YOU UNDERSTAND?
YOU WERE SCREAMING TO THE WORLD FOR HELP. TO BE REMEMBERED.
THOSE COMIC BOOKS. YOU KEPT A DIARY HERE.
A BONFIRE ON A DESERTED ISLAND.
IT'S PRETTY FASCINATING.
(TO ME, AT LEAST.)
YOU CAN-- YOU CAN HEAL ME?
YES.
OKAY.
BUT YOU HAVE TO WANT TO.
I WANT THIS TO STOP.
HOW DO I UNDO WHAT I HAVE DONE TO THE REST OF THE WORLD, THOUGH?
HOW DO I MAKE THE WORLD REMEMBER ME?
MMM... LET'S SAY YOU DON'T.
YOU DIDN'T SCREW WITH THE WORLD'S MINDS ON PURPOSE AND YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE DOING IT...AND THAT IS FORGIVABLE.
BUT...
BUT TO DO IT ON PURPOSE...
EXACTLY.
SO NO ONE WILL REMEMBER ME? I'D BE STARTING FROM SCRATCH?
WITH SUPER-POWERS.
A WIFE WHO LOVES YOU. SHE'LL KNOW THE TRUTH...
REED RICHARDS WILL REMEMBER. HE'S THE GUY WITH ALL YOUR SECRETS.
BOB, I TELL YOU, I SWEAR TO GOD...
...THERE'S BEEN AT LEAST THREE DISTINCT TIMES IN MY LIFE I WOULD HAVE PAID BIG MONEY TO GET TO DO WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO NOW.
ENTER THE WORLD FRESH.
SMARTER FOR HAVING LIVED THROUGH WHAT YOU'VE LIVED THROUGH... BUT WITH A CLEAN SLATE.
AND YOU'LL BE AN AVENGER.
I WILL?
LET THEM TELL YOU.

UH...HI.

MR. REYNOLDS.

HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

SORRY ABOUT THIS.

NO WORRIES. EVERYONE'S STILL IN ONE PIECE.

LISTEN...

MS. FROST SAID YOU WANT ME TO BE AN AVENGER?

IF YOU'LL HAVE US.

TO KEEP AN EYE ON ME.

WELL, YES.

AND TO HELP YOU.

IT'LL GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO FIGURE OUT WHO YOU ARE AND WHO YOU WANT TO BE AND HOW YOU'RE GOING TO GET THERE.

IT'S NOT UNLIKE WHAT I WENT THROUGH WHEN THE AVENGERS FOUND ME YEARS AFTER THE WAR.

WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT FOR ME? YOU DON'T EVEN REMEMBER THAT--

FIRST OF ALL, YOU'RE NOT THE FIRST PERSON WHO HAS NEEDED A SECOND CHANCE...

...OR HELP FROM YOUR PEERS, OR WHO HAS SCREWED UP, BUT...

LISTEN, WE'VE HAD OTHER PEOPLE IN OUR FAMILY WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONTROL THEIR POWERS OR FIND OUT WHO THEY WERE...

...AND WE FAILED THEM BECAUSE WE DIDN'T REACH OUT WHEN WE SHOULD HAVE.

DOES THAT MAKE SENSE?

I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT THE RIGHT THING TO DO IS.

YOU'LL FIGURE IT OUT.

WHAT'S NEXT? HOW DO I--?

JUST LOOK AT ME.

I'M GOING TO UNLOCK YOU NOW--AND, WELL, A WHOLE LOT OF CONFLICTING THOUGHTS AND EMOTIONS ABOUT A LOT OF SUBJECTS ARE GOING TO HIT YOU ALL AT ONCE.

A LOT OF REPRESSED MEMORIES, GOOD AND BAD ARE GOING TO HIT YOU IN THE FACE.

FOLLOWED BY, WELL, PROBABLY THE MOST INTENSE DEJA VU EVER.

AND YOU'LL BE UNLOCKING YOUR SPECTACULAR POWERS--

--WHICH WILL--WELL, WHEN IT'S ALL OVER... IT'S GOING TO FEEL LIKE YOU TOOK THE BIGGEST DUMP OF YOUR LIFE.

YOU READY?

RIGHT NOW?

WHEN THEN?

DON'T BE AFRAID.

O-OKAY.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN.

I DO.

LOOK AT ME.

WELCOME BACK TO THE WORLD.
BOB!
BOB! PLEASE, LET ME SEE MY HUSBAND!!!
LINDY!
I'M SO SORRY.
I'LL MAKE IT UP TO---
I'M NOT MAD.
SAVE IT FOR WHEN I'M MAD.
WE GETTIN' A HAPPY ENDING?
YEAH, IT'S A WEIRD FEELING...I'M NOT SURE I LIKE IT.
HOLD ME.
MR. STARK, SIR, THIS IS JARVIS AT THE TOWER.
IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT, JARVIS?
UM, I THINK YOU NEED TO COME HOME NOW.
WHAT?

WHOA.
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S THE WATCHTOWER. IT'S MY HOME. FROM MY LIFE BEFORE...
GUESS I WAS HIDING IT AS PART OF MY CRAZY.
IT'S RIGHT ON TOP OF OUR JOINT.
THAT IS FREAKY!
NOW I KNOW WHY I GOT THE LAND SO CHEAP.
OH, AND BY THE WAY...
...THAT THING YOU SAID BEFORE ABOUT FATE AND THE AVENGERS?
OKAY, NOW I BELIEVE YOU.

WHAT'S IN THERE?
MY ENTIRE LIFE.
WE'LL BE HERE.

SO THE AVENGERS ARE TAKING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS?

YES.

I'LL BE HELPING TOO, DOCTOR STRANGE. BOB'S A REALLY GOOD GUY. HE'LL GET THROUGH THIS.

IF HE STARTS TO SLIP, DON'T BE ARROGANT. CALL US TOGETHER.

I KNOW.

I MEAN IT.

NAMOR, I *KNOW*. I DID. I WILL.

HEY, TONY, BEFORE YOU GO...

...WHAT'S GOING ON WITH S.H.I.E.L.D.?

WHY?

I'M HEARING... RUMBLINGS.

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE SAVAGE LAND?

NOTHING.

JUST USUAL STUFF.

NOTHING WE NEED TO DISCUSS?

NO.

NEXT: RONIN